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16. (currently amended) A file management method, comprising:
- managing a plurality of proxy files, wherein the plurality of proxy files are associated with counterpart data files in a shared storage and include information for accessing the counterpart data files from the shared storage, the shared storage comprising a port to receive access via a network from a plurality of clients and one or more structured data archives distributed among one or more network-based data processing systems, and the accessing information comprising information indicating locations of the counterpart files on the shared storage; and
- controlling access by a plurality of clients to the counterpart data files in the shared storage via the proxy files.
17. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein controlling access comprises providing the clients with access to the counterpart data files in the shared storage using the access information included in the proxy files.
18. (original) The system of claim 17, wherein providing the clients with access to the counterpart data files comprises providing the clients with information indicating locations of the counterpart files on the shared storage.
19. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein controlling access to the counterpart data files comprises:
- recognizing attempts by the clients to access the counterpart data files in the shared storage;
- retrieving from the proxy files the information for accessing the counterpart data files from the shared storage in response to the access attempts; and
- providing the clients with access to the counterpart data files in the shared storage using the information retrieved from the proxy files.
- 20-42 (cancelled)